THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Yes, Sir.

Amendment in the Indian Foreign Service (Conduct and Discipline) Rules, 1981

*200. PROF. C. LAKSHMANNA: Will the Minister of EXTERANL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have amended the Indian Foreign Service (Conduct and Discipline) Rules, 1981 which bans IFS officers from marrying citizens of a foreign country;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether similar rules are applicable to officers beloging to other services based in foreign countries; and

(d) if not, what are the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI NARAYAN DATT TIWARI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A copy of the amended Rule is placed below. (*See* statement below).

(c) and (d) Officers belonging to different Services are governed by their own Conduct Rules.

Statement

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NOTIFICATION

G.S.R.——————In exercise of the powers conferred by the proviso to article 309 of the Constitution, the President hereby makes the following rules further to amend the Indian Foreign Service (Conduct and Discipline) Rules, 1961, namely:—

1. (1) These rules may be called the Indian Foreign Service (Conduct and Discipline) Amendment Rules, 1986.

(2) They shall come into force on the date of their publication in the Official Gazette.

2. In the Indian Foreign Service (Conduct and Discipline) Rules, 1961, for rule 8, the following rule shall be substituted, namely:—

"8 Restriction on marriage with Foreigner:—

(1) No member of the Service shall contract a marriage with any person other than an Indian citizen without the prior permission in writing of the Government.

(2) A member of the Service who intends to contract a marriage with a person other than an Indian cittzen shall seek prior permission for the same by submitting a written application addressed to the Foreign Secretary to the Government of India in the Ministry of External Affairs giving details of the name, age, address, occupation and nationality of the person and the decision of the Government on the application shall be communicated to the applicant within a period of one year unless the Government, for reasons to be recorded in writing and communicated to the applicant within the said period, extends it:

Provided that no such period of extension shall exceed a period of one year from the date of expiry of the initial period of one year.

(3) If a member of the Service contracts marriage with a person other than an Indian citizen with-

out obtaining prior written permission of the Governmet, he shall be liable to be removed from the Service.

(4) Government may refuse permission to a member of the Service to contract a marriage with a person other than an Indian citizen if it cosiders that the marriage, if permitted, may prejudicially affect the due and proper performance of the duties of the member of the Service, or the maintenance of friendly relations with a foreign State or in the public interest.

(5) Government may give the member of the Service an opportunity to show cause to the contrary before permission is refused.

(6) In the event of a decision being taken to grant permission to a member of the Service to contract a marriage with a person other than an Indian citizen, the Government may stipuate such conditions as it may deem appropriate including the condition that the foreign spouse should acquire Indian citizenship within a reasonable period of time."

Sd/-
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Additional Secretary to the Government of India.

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Agreement between STC and SBI for boosting exports

980. SHRI TALARI MANOHAR: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation and the State Bank of India have signed an agreement/memorandum of understanding to boost exports; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) and (b) State Bank of India and State Trading Corporation have signed a Memorandum of Understanding to promote country's international trade. Under the arrangements envisaged in the Memorandum, STC would utilise the services of SBI's global network of foreign branches in its marketing efforts.

Cash compensatory support on Black Pepper

981. SHRI GOPALA RAO RAO: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have taken a decision to withdraw cash Compensatory Support on the export of black pepper;

(b) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and